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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ON ASIAN CANDIDATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

(C) On April 18, DCM delivered reftel points to Thalia Petrides, Political Director at the Cyprus MFA. Petrides explained that her office had made an initial selection of those countries Cyprus may support, and a list of those it definitely will not. She offered no details on this list, but stated clearly that it was "extremely important" to Cyprus that candidates for the Council have strong human rights records (which, in Cypriot eyes, will likely include having the "right" policies on the Cyprus problem). In addition, Petrides expressed regret that the United States was not itself a candidate.
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